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FOR S/S DAVID ANDERSON

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR MS. VOORDE

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM IS BEING REPEATED TO YOU.

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1. THE VERY USEFUL VISIT OF THE WHILE HOUSE SURVEY TEMA ON
MAY 31 AND THE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH
THE VISIT HAVE PROVIDED NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE VARIOUS ALTER-
NATIVES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE FRANKFURT AREA

AND HAVE ALSO FLUSHED SOME PROBLEM AREAS. IN LIGHT OF THESE INSIGHTS CONGEN FRANKFURT HAS DEVELOPED A NEW PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT ON JULY 15 WHICH DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM EARLIER SUGGESTIONS BUT REMAINS A TENTATIVE AND PRELIMINARY OUTLINE SUBMITTED AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SURVEY TEAM AND THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE ON MAY 31, WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE SUGGESTIONS PRESENTED IN PARAGRAPH 4 BELOW ALSO APPROXIMATE THEIR TREND OF THINKING.

2. CITY VISIT PORTION

THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE ACCOMPANYING THE SURVEY TEAM INFORMS US HE FAVORS FRANKFURT AS THE SITE FOR THE CITY VISIT AND WILL SO RECOMMEND TO THE CHANCELLOR. HOWEVER, BECAUSE FRANKFURT IS NOT THE CAPITAL AND MOREOVER IS GOVERNED BY THE CDU WHILE THE STATE OF HESSE IS GOVERNED BY AN SPD/FDP COALITION, WE UNDERSTAND THE STATE GOVERNMENT IS BRINGING PRESSURES ON BONN FOR THE SELECTION OF WIESBADEN RATHER THAN FRANKFURT. WHILE WE CONTINUE TO FAVOR FRANKFURT, THE CHOICE MUST BASICALLY BE LEFT TO THE CHANCELLOR AND THE U.S. SIDE SHOULD DEFER TO HIS WISHES. HAVING SAID THIS MUCH, WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE PROTOCOLARY AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF A PROPER ROLE FOR THE HESSIAN STATE GOVERNMENT, AND ESPECIALLY PRIME MINISTER BORNER, ARE ENTIRELY SUSCEPTIBLE TO SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS IF FRANKFURT, THE HISTORICALLY FAR

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MORE IMPORTANT AND LARGER CITY, IS PICKED FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. SOME OF THE DETAILS IN THE PROPOSED PROGRAM, BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT FRANKFURT IS IT, REFLECT THESE POLITICAL AND PROTOCOLARY CONSIDERATIONS. CHIEF AMONG THESE IS THAT MINISTER PRESIDENT BORNER SHOULD BE ON HAND TO MEET THE PRESIDENT ON ARRIVAL AT RHEIN/MAIN AND ACCOMPANY THE PARTY UNTIL IT LEAVES FRANKFURT CITY.

3. MILITARY PORTION

DURING THE VISIT TO HANAU IT DEVELOPED THAT THE HANAU OPERATIONS APPEARS SOMEWHAT MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN WE HAD THOUGHT PREVIOUSLY LARGELY BECAUSE A HANAU PROGRAM COULD CONVEY A SENSE OF ACTION AND MOTION BY HAVING THE PROGRAM CENTER ON AN ENGINEER BRIDGING OPERATION ACROSS THE MAIN RIVER FOLLOWED BY A CROSSING OF US AND GERMAN ARMORED VEHICLES. THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THE TIME AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, THE SAME SENSE OF ACTION AND MOTION COULD, IN A DIFFERENT WAY, ALSO BE BUILT INTO BRIGADE 76 PROGRAM. IN ADDITION HANAU WOULD BE FAR MORE COMPLICATED LOGISTICALLY AND IS CERTAIN TO INVOLVE A GOOD DEAL MORE HIGHWAY TRAVEL TIME FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE THAN THE BRIGADE 76 OPTION. ON BALANCE, THEREFORE, WE CONTINUE

TO FAVOR BRIGADE 76, WHERE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA SHOULD BE AND, WE BELIEVE, CAN BE MET:

- (A) U.SM. - GERMAN COOPERATION AND INTER-OPERABILITY,
- (B) A DISPLAY OF POWER, STRENGTH, AND PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE WHICH WILL COME ACCROSS TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE TV AND FILM CAMERAS. THERE SHOULD BE AN ACTIVITY WITH MOVEMENT AND ACTION.
- (C) AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PRESIDENT (AND IF HE WISHES THE CHANCELLOR) TO BRIEFLY ADDRESS AND MINGLE WITH THE TROOPS.

THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BELOW HAVE BEEN PREPARED WITH THE ABOVE IN MIND. EUCOM COMMENTS AND IMPROVEMENT ON THEM ARE URGENTLY REQUESTED.

4. PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT -JULY 15, 1978
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0900 - THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR ARRIVE AT RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE ON AIR FORCE ONE. THEY ARE GREETED BY THE FOLLOWING:
MINISTER PRESIDENT HOLGER BORNER (SPD) AS THE OFFICIAL HOST IN THE STATE OF HESSE;
THE U.S. CONSUL GENERAL AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THE AREA;
ONE SENIOR US AIR FORCE GENERAL OFFICER TO BE DESIGNATED BY APPROPRIATE U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES;
ONE SENIOR GERMAN AIR FORCE GENERAL OFFICER TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE FRG;
BRIG GENERAL CHRICTON AS THE WING AND BASE COMMANDER AT RHEIN/MAIN AIR BASE.

THE SENIOR AIR FORCE OFFICERS WOULD THEN ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR TO VIEW A STATIC DISPLAY OF ABOUT 10 U.S. AND GERMANY MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND BRIEFLY CHAT WITH THE AIRCRAFT CREWS. THE SELECTION OF AIRCRAFT WOULD BE UP TO USAF AND THE GERMAN AIR FORCE. THE F-111, F-15, F-4 AND C-130 MENTIONED AT THE INITIAL BRIEFING ON MAY 31 WOULD ALL APPEAR TO BE SUITABLE FOR THIS DISPLAY AS WOULD THE G-91, F-4F AND THE F-104 MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT TO BE SHOWN BY THE GERMAN AIR FORCE. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES. THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR WOULD THEN WALK TO A ROPED-OFF AREA BEHIND WHICH AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES, CONSISTING LARGELY OF RESIDENTS OF THE AIR BASE AND TRANSIENTS PASSING ON THEIR WAY TO OR FROM THE U.S., WOULD BE ASSEMBLED. WE WOULD ESTIMATE A CROWD OF ABOUT ONE THOUSAND BUT IT MIGHT WELL BE LARGER. THE PRESIDENT COULD BRIEFLY CHAT WITH A FEW OF THE FAMILIES AND SHAKE A FEW HANDS. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES.

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0930 - THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY BOARDS THE MOTORCADE AND DEPARTS
FOR BRIGADE 76 AT WIESBADEN/ERBENHEIM.

1000 - THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE ARRIVES ON THE BASE AT
WIESBADEN/ERBEHEIM. TO MEET THE CRITERIA STATED IN PARAGRAPH
3 ABOVE WE WOULD ENVISAGE THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE SCENARIO:

-- THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE WOULD SLOWLY DRIVE DOWN THE
MAIN RUNWAY ALONG WHICH THERE WOULD BE LINED UP A MASSIVE
ARRAY OF BRIGADE 76 AND BUNDESWEHR

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED WHITE HOUSE.

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COMBAT VEHICLES WITH THEIR CREWS IN BATTLE GEAR. (EQUIPMENT
WOULD INCLUDE TANKS, ARTILLERY, ACPS WITH THEIR INFANTRY SQUADS
AND PERHAPS OTHERS). THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THIS DISPLAY, WHICH
SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE SOME LANCE MISSILES, WOULD BE TO CONVEY
TO THE PUBLIC -THROUGH THE NO LESS MASSIVE ARRAY OF ACCOMPANYING
PRESS AND CAMERAS - A SENSE OF MASSED STRENGTH AND POWER.

-- AT A POINT TO BE SELECTED (E.G. PERHAPS ABOUT TWO-THIRDS
DOWN THE LINE OF ARMORED VEHICLES), THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTOR-

CADE WOULD STOP. HERE THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE GREETED BY SENIOR US AND GERMAN ARMY OFFICIALS. THESE WOULD THEN ESCORT THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR PAST SOME OF THE REMAINING COMBAT VEHICLES IN THE LINEUP THUS GIVING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT BRIEFLY WITH THE JUNIOR OFFICERS, NCOS AND TROOPERS, INSPECT THE EQUIPMENT AND ASK QUESTIONS. THIS PORTION FROM ARRIVAL ON THE BASE TO ITS COMPLETION WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES.

-- THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR WOULD THEN WALK TO AN IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT AREA WHERE MORTAR, ARTILLERY AND TANK CREWS WOULD BE CONDUCTING SUBCALIBER FIRING AT SIMULATED TARGETS.
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THEY WOULD WITNESS THIS TRAINING IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE WEAPONS AND THEIR CREWS, NOT FROM A DISTANCE. THIS PORTION MIGHT TAKE NO MORE THAN 10 MINUTES.

-- THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY WOULD THEN WALK TO A NEARBY POSITION ON THE MAIN RUNWAY FROM WHICH THEY WOULD WITNESS AN ASSAULT AIRBORNE LANDING BY THE INSERTION OF AN INFANTRY COMPANY BY LIFT HELICOPTERS ACCOMPANIED BY GUN SHIPS INTO A TARGET AREA IN THE OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO THE RUNAWAY. THIS ACTION WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES.

-- FOLLOWING THE SIMULATED AIRBORNE ASSAULT ALL THE TROOPS IN THE DISPLAY AND HLICOPTER ASSAULT WOULD BREAK RANK AND ASSEMBLE IN A DESIGNATED AREA NEAR THE PRESIDENT. THE PRESIDENT (AND THE CHANCELLOR, IF HE WISHES) COULD THEN ADDRESS REMARKS TO THE ASSEMBLED AMERICAN AND GERMANY TROOPS. THIS PORTION WOULD TAKE APPRXIMATELY 10 MINUTES.

-- FOLLOWING THE REMARKS TO THE TROOPS, A TRUCK OR TRUCKS WITH COFFEE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS (E.G. DOUGHNUTS) COULD BE BROUGHT UP TO BE SERVED TO THE TROOPS AND TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR WHO WOULD THEN MINGLE AND CHAT WITH THE SOLDIERS. THIS PORTION WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES.

1100 - THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE DEPARTS BRIGADE 76 ENROUTE TO FRANKFURT.

1130 - THE MOTORCADE ARRIVES AT THE ROMER PLATZ IN THE CENTER OF FRANKFURT. THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR ARE MET BY THE LORD MAYOR OF FRANKFURT, DR. WALTER WALLMANN (CDU). THE PRESIDENT, THE CHANCELLOR AND ACCOMPANYING DIGNITARIES WOULD BE ESCORTED TO A ROSTRUM ERECTED IN FRONT OF FRANKFURT'S HISTORIC CITY HALL. WITH ADVANCE PUBLICITY AND FAVORABLE WEATHER WE CAN EXPECT THAT AT THIS TIME ON A SATURDAY MORNING SEVERAL
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THOUSAND PEOPLE WILL HAVE ASSEMBLED ON THE SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE CITY HALL. LORD MAYOR WALLMANN WOULD SPEAK WELCOMING THE PRESIDENT TO THE CITY. THE PRESIDENT WOULD MAKE A RESPONSE TO THE LORD MAYOR AND THE ASSEMBLED PUBLIC. (IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MINISTER PRESIDENT BORNER WILL INSIST ON HAVING HIS SAY AT THIS TIME ALSO AND WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR THAT POSSIBILITY.) ALTOGETHER, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT TRANSLATIONS, REMARKS BY THE LORD MAYOR, THE PRESIDENT AND POSSIBLE BORNER MIGHT TAKE APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES.

-- THE LORD MAYOR THEN ESCORT THE PRESIDENT INTO THE CITY HALL UP THE STAIRS AND INTO THE HISTORIC HALL OF EMPERORS. HERE THE PRESIDENT WOULD SIGN THE GOLDEN BOOK OF THE CITY OF FRANKFURT AS HAVE SEVERAL OF HIS PREDECESSORS. THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER SPEECHES.

--(NOTE: IF DESIRED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN GOOD WEATHER CONDITIONS TO HAVE THE GOLDEN BOOK SIGNED OUTSIDE IN FRONT OF THE CITY HALL. IF THIS IS DONE BELIEVE IT IS STILL ESSENTIAL THAT THE PRESIDENT VISIT THE HALL OF EMPERORS INSIDE THE BUILDING SINCE FAILURE TO VISIT SUCH A HISTORIC SITE MIGHT WELL AROUSE CRITICAL COMMENT. WE HAVE DROPPED EARLIER SUGGESTION THAT THE PRESIDENT VISIT THE PAULSKIRCHE ESSENTIALLY BECAUSE OF TIME LIMITATIONS AND THE AUSTERE APPEARANCE OF THE PAULSKIRCHE WHEN IT IS NOT FILLED AND DECORATED FOR A CEREMONY.)

-- EITHER ON THE ROSTRUM OUTSIDE THE CITY HALL OR IN THE HALL OF EMPERORS, LORD MAYOR WALLMANN AND MINISTER PRESIDENT BORNER WILL MOST LIKELY WISH TO PRESENT SENIOR FRANKFURT CITY OFFICIALS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE HESSIAN STATE GOVERNMENT. WHILE THE NUMBER OF OFFICIALS INVOLVED WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED, WE ESTIMATE THAT PERHAPS SIX CITY AND TEN TOP STATE OFFICIALS WOULD BE PRESENTED.

-- THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR WOULD THEN LEAVE THE EMPEROR'S HALL, DESCEND THE STAIRCASE AND LEAVE THE CITY HALL. ON THE WAY TO BOARD THE MOTORCADE THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR

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CHANCELLOR COULD MINGLE BRIEFLY WITH THE CROWD TO SHAKE HANDS AND SAY A FEW INFORMAL WORDS.

1210 - THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE DEPARTS FROM FRANKFURT CENTER ENROUTE TO RHEIN/MAIN AIR BASE.

1230 - THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY ARRIVES PLANE-SIDE AND IMMEDIATELY BOARDS AIR FORCE ONE FOR DEPARTURE TO BERLIN. NOTE: SURVEY TEAM MEMBERS MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY THAT AIR FORCE ONE MIGHT TAKE OFF BEFORE REPEAT BEFORE THE PRESS PLANES

AND DELAY WHILE AIRBORNE IN ORDER TO LET THE PRESS PLANES
LAND FIRST IN BERLIN. THIS WOULD HAVE THE FURTHER ADVANTAGE
OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL TIME FOR LUNCH TO BE SERVED ABOARD
ENROUTE TO BERLIN. WE HAVE NO EXPERTISE TO ASSESS THE
FEASIBILITY OF THIS PROCEDURE FROM THE STAND POINT OF
TRAFFIC CONTROL, FLIGHT SAFETY, AND BERLIN CORRIDOR RULES.L
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